

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, severe burn injuries are a leading cause of injury and death, especially among young children; and

WHEREAS, even though approximately 75 percent of burn injuries and deaths are preventable, more than 2 million people suffer burn injuries of some kind each year, with children accounting for one of every three burn victims; and

WHEREAS, the Shriners of North America operate four Shriners Hospitals across the nation that provide medical care free of charge to burned children; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 observance of Burn Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of steps people can take to protect their families from devastating burn injuries while recognizing the Shriners for their continued support and care for young burn victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 5 – 11, 2006, as

BURN AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take appropriate precautions to protect their families from serious burn injuries and deaths.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA